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From: Commanding General
To: Marines and Sailors of I MEF

Subj: HAZING

1. Our Nation is five years into the Global War on Terrorism. Therefore, anyone who joins the Navy or Marine Corps joins to fight. On the battlefield, our MEF can whip any enemy. However, the greatest danger we face is the leader who crushes the spirit of a young Sailor or Marine.

2. The Marine Corps policy on hazing is clear and uncompromising. Hazing is illegal, immature, and immoral. It is prejudicial to good order and discipline and drives a wedge between an otherwise cohesive unit. Hazing is a breach of our Nation's trust and is contrary to the values we hold close. We take care of each other and stand fast alongside each other in the toughest circumstances. There is never a reason to haze any Sailor or Marine, notably, newly joined personnel who bring vigor and enthusiasm to our ranks. The idea that a concept imparted from a commercial movie could disrupt our unit cohesion is reprehensible.

3. Every Marine or Sailor in this MEF will be treated with fairness and maturity. I charge every leader in this MEF, at every rank, to eradicate hazing within your area of influence through alert, engaged leadership, using every legal, ethical and moral tool at your disposal.

4. I will not tolerate any supposed leader who abuses, humiliates, or otherwise harms one of our Marines or Sailors. Please ensure my intent is understood throughout our ranks. In light of the location and off-duty nature of many of the incidents, I suggest removing televisions from all duty offices and ensuring alert duty personnel are making thorough and unscheduled tours of assigned areas.

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